






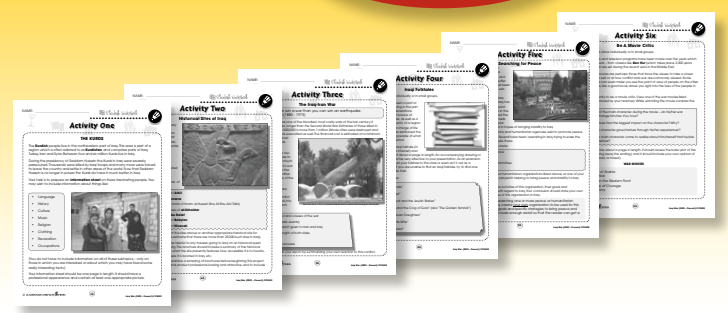
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Operation Iraqi Freedom

1. With a straight line, connect each word on the left with its meaning on the right.

A	campaign	to stop	1
B	expert	to put down or suppress	2
C	earnest	chief officer or leader	3
D	awe	to move or bring forward	4
E	topple	a military operation	5
F	prevent	a person with a special skill	6
G	expect	sincere	7
H	commander	feeling of admiration or fear	8
I	advance	to conquer or defeat	9
J	oppress	to look forward to	10

2. The coalition's military invasion of Iraq was given the name Operation Iraqi Freedom. Do you feel this is a suitable name? Defend your answer.

3. The coalition forces felt that the Iraqi people would welcome them as liberators. Do you feel there was a good chance of this happening? Why or why not?



Operation Iraqi Freedom

The military strategy for **Operation Iraqi Freedom** was different from the strategy for the Persian Gulf War. Instead of a long bombing campaign before the invasion, the air attack and invasion were planned for the same time. The Americans also used a much smaller military force for this war. Some military experts even felt that the invasion force was too small to win such a war. These experts knew that although the Iraqi army had grown weaker over the years, it still numbered about 400,000 men.



After the bombing attack that was meant to kill Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi army began firing surface-to-surface missiles at coalition bases in Kuwait and setting fire to oil wells in southern Iraq.

On the night of March 21, 2003, coalition forces streamed into southern Iraq and a massive aerial assault was launched against the capital city of Baghdad, destroying many important military targets. These air attacks were referred to as a "shock and awe" campaign. This alone, though, did not topple Hussein's government.

STOP

Why do you think the American military thought they could win this war with fewer soldiers than they had used in the Persian Gulf War?

The coalition forces quickly captured two airfields in western Iraq to prevent them from launching Scud missile attacks against Israel - as they had in the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

The strategy of the coalition commanders was to bypass most of the major cities in the south and focus on taking Baghdad, the capital city and the center of Saddam Hussein's authority in the country. Coalition armies would first be met by cheering crowds, but also quickly came to face massive civil disorder and chaos.



Operation Iraqi Freedom

1. Fill in each blank with the correct word from the reading.

- A lengthy _____ campaign before the invasion of Iraq was not planned by the coalition leaders this time.
- The military planners of Operation Iraqi Freedom planned the land invasion and the _____ attack for the same time.
- The Americans also had a much _____ force compared to that in the 1991 Persian Gulf War.
- It was thought that the Iraqi army numbered about _____ men.
- The first coalition bombing attack was an attempt to kill _____.
- The war began on _____, 2003.

2. Circle the correct answers.

- The air attack on Baghdad was called:
 steel rain shock and awe punishment alley freedom fighters
- The coalition forces were afraid the Iraqis would fire these into Israel:
 Scud missiles Patriot missiles stealth bombs hand grenades
- Coalition strategy was to bypass the smaller cities and concentrate on:
 Damascus Karbala Dahuk Baghdad



Post It on a Poster



For generations posters have been an effective way of publicizing events, advertising products, and making announcements. Posters have come a long way in the last hundred years. Early posters were only in black ink and rarely featured any artwork. Posters today are in full color and feature all kinds of imaginative, eye-catching graphics and fonts.



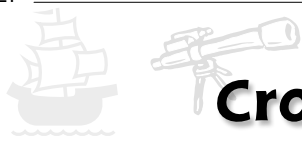
Your task is to create an imaginative, colorful and effective poster. The poster should in some way be tied in with our study of Iraq and its recent history. You may consider one of the following ideas, or come up with one of your own:

- A recruitment poster for an Iraqi company. Select or make up a company of your choice (perhaps in the oil industry, or in police services) and design a poster intended to attract workers to Iraq. You should probably note that while the pay and benefits are good, the risks may be quite high.
- A *Wanted Dead or Alive* poster for a war criminal (ex. Saddam Hussein before his capture, one of his lieutenants still at large, a terrorist, etc.).
- A poster whose purpose is to attract tourists to Iraq. The country still boasts many wonderful historical sites - and accommodations and meals are very reasonably priced.
- A poster advertising one of Iraq's historical sites (ex. Babylon, Saddam Hussein's Palace, etc.).

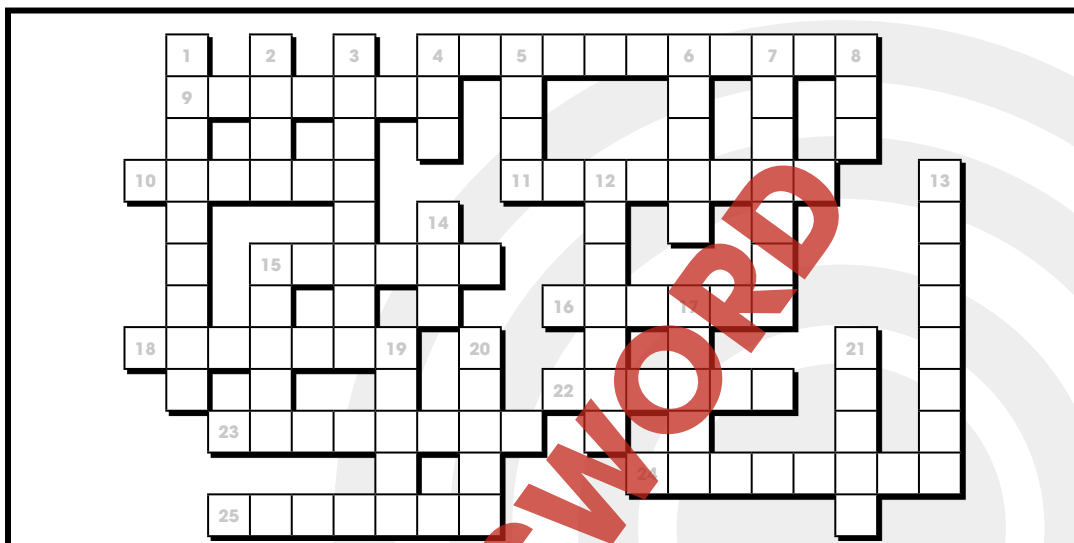
Be sure your poster is informative, attractive and colorful. It should feature enough information to make it useful. It should also include a picture.

NAME: _____

After You Read



Crossword Puzzle!



Word List

Blair	dictator	invasion	rotate
casualty	DNA	missiles	Scud
Clinton	end	net	security
contest	Franks	Operation	taste
cream	grin	Persian	trade
crown	Hussein	Poland	united
destruction	ignore	Putin	

Down

- _____ Iraqi Freedom.
- Smile.
- Large weapons that are shot at a target.
- Abbreviation for *Deoxyribonucleic Acid*.
- A missile fired by Iraq in the Persian Gulf War.
- Ice _____.
- Not paid attention to.
- A tool used by fishermen.
- Former President Bill _____.
- One wounded or killed in battle.
- Final.
- Russian leader.
- Swap.
- A sense.
- Worn by a king or queen.
- Former Prime Minister of Great Britain.

Across

- Weapons of mass _____.
- _____ Gulf War.
- Coalition commander General Tommy _____.
- A ruler with absolute power.
- European country that was part of the coalition.
- Joined.
- Competition.
- To revolve or spin.
- Raid or incursion by another country.
- The act of defending.
- Saddam _____.

NAME: _____

After You Read

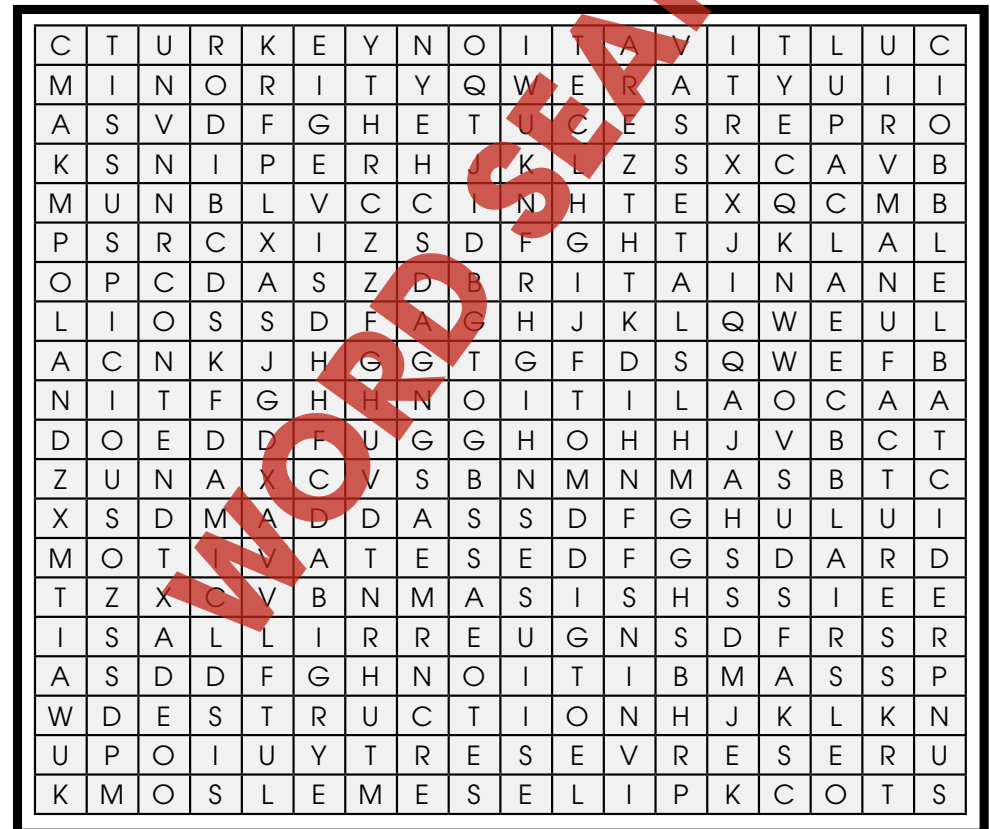


Word Search



Find all **THIRTY** words in the Word Search. Words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some even backwards.

ambition	Bush	destruction	Kurds	motivate	sniper
asset	civilization	ethnic	Kuwait	persecute	stockpiles
Baghdad	coalition	guerrilla	manufacture	Poland	suspicious
Blair	contend	Hussein	minority	reserves	Turkey
Britain	cultivation	Iraq	Moslem	Saddam	unpredictable



NAME: _____

After You Read



Comprehension Quiz



Part A

30

Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.

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- Much of the land in Iraq is sandy desert.
TRUE FALSE
- Saddam Hussein's political party was called the *Strident People's Party*.
TRUE FALSE
- Iraq had been involved in a long war with Syria.
TRUE FALSE
- The Persian Gulf War happened because of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.
TRUE FALSE
- The organization **al-Qaeda** took credit for the terrorist incidents in America on September 11, 2001.
TRUE FALSE
- The U.S. wanted to launch their attacks on Iraq from the country of Turkey.
TRUE FALSE
- The United States accused Iraq of manufacturing weapons of mass destruction.
TRUE FALSE
- General Norman Schwarzkopf** was the commander of the coalition forces during the Iraq War of 2003.
TRUE FALSE

Part B

3

Circle the three countries below that were a part of the coalition.

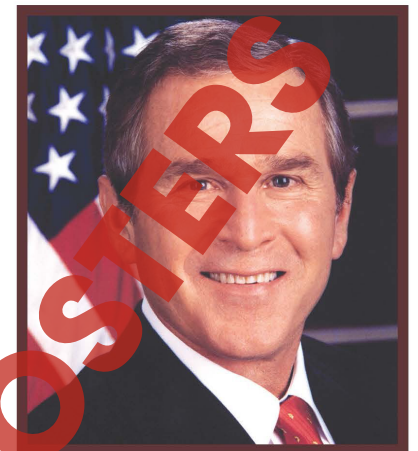
Canada Poland Australia France Russia Great Britain

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Iraq War Key Figures



Saddam Hussein
5th President of Iraq
1979 - 2003



George W. Bush
43rd U.S. President
2001 - 2009



Tony Blair
Prime Minister of United Kingdom
1997 - 2007



Tommy Franks
US Army General, Commander-in-Chief
U.S. Central Command



Operation Iraqi Freedom

3. Answer each question with complete sentences.

a) Why do you think the Iraqis set fire to their own oil wells?

b) Why do you think the Americans were so concerned about Israel staying out of the war?

c) Why do you think coalition leaders expected the conflict to end quickly and without much effort? Why didn't it?

EASY MARKING

Research

The Prime Minister of Great Britain at this time was **Tony Blair**. It was Prime Minister Blair who provided much in the way of military assistance and moral support to the Americans in this war. He was Prime Minister from 1997 to 2007. Blair is the British Labor Party's longest-serving Prime Minister and the only person to have led the Labor Party to three consecutive general election victories.

Write a brief report (about one-half page) about Prime Minister Blair's life and accomplishments.

3.

a) They knew the Americans would soon be taking the wells over and wanted to prevent this from happening.

b) If Israel entered the war other Arab nations might have entered on the side of Iraq.

c) Answers will vary

1.

a) Smaller. (Alaska's area is 663,267 sq mi)

b) Turkey, Iraq has a population of about 27 million

2.

Europe

3.

Mosul, Arbil

4.

Iran, Caspian

5.

Iran
Jordan
Kuwait
Saudi Arabia
Syria
Turkey

